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SUBJECT: CISCO III

REF: DAMASCUS 414

1. ON JANUARY 27 WE MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY ACTING DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN ASIAN AFFAIRS TAHA DUGHATHER FOR A GENERAL REVIEW OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS AND TO DISCUSS THE KIDNAPPED AMERICANS IN ERITREA. WE INFORMED HIM OF OUR CONTACT IN DAMASCUS WITH OSMAN SABBE NOTING THAT SABBE HAD SPOKEN OF SAUDI EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THE RELEASE OF THE KIDNAPPED AMERICANS. WE REITERATED OUR APPRECIATION FOR PAST SAUDI EFFORTS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THESE EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE IN THE PRESENT MORE HOPEFUL CLIMATE FOR THEIR EARLY RELEASE.

2. DUGHATHER SAID THAT SAUDI EFFORTS WOULD CERTAINLY CONTINUE AND SINCE SAUDI INFLUENCE WITH ALL ELEMENTS OF THE ERITREAN MOVEMENT WAS ON THE INCREASE HE HOPED THESE EFFORTS WOULD SOON BEAR FRUIT. HE SAID THAT HE WAS SEEING THE
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LOCAL ELF REPRESENTATIVE LATER THE SAME DAY AND WOULD SEE

THE PLF REPRESENTATIVE AS SOON AS HE HAD RETURNED TO JIDDA.
HE SAID THE SAG WAS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING
DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PLF MILITARY LEADERSHIP BUT THOUGHT
THIS MIGHT NOT BE NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT SUCCESS
OF THE DAMASCUS PLF MEETING. DUGHATHER SAID HE APPRECIATED
OUR CONSULTATION AS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AWKWARD TO MEET WITH
PLF REPRESENTATIVES WITHOUT HAVING BEEN INFORMED OF OUR
DIRECT CONTACT IN DAMASCUS. HE SAID HE WOULD KEEP US
INFORMED.
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